

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant: John N. STANIFORTH, et al.  
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IMPROVED COMPRESSIBILITY**  
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Customer No.: 23280

**RESPONSE**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 13, 2009, reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.